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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have not the High Court laid down that rule 150 is *ultra vires*, invalid and inoperative? "

(The Hon. Mr. Daniel Thomas rose.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Is the Hon. Minister going to answer the question? I feel that this question does not arise out of the main question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was there any case in which the High Court objected to Government giving directions to subordinate magistracy? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as we are aware this Government have not been giving any further direction to the magistracy beyond what is legally possible."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" The answer to clause (*c*) is in the negative; may I know why then the Chief Justice thought it fit to resign though he had elected to serve the full term of ten years? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I believe the question has to be put to the ex-Chief Justice and not to the Government."

*Road-rollers owned by the Highways Department.*

* 4 *Q*.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of road-rollers owned by the Highways Department;

(*b*) how many of them are in working order and how many are under repairs; and

(*c*) whether the Government have placed orders for road-rollers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The total number of road-rollers owned by the Highways Department is 244.

" (*b*) Two hundred road-rollers are in working order and 44 are under repairs.

" (*c*) An indent for the supply of 350 road-rollers was placed on the Director-General of Industries and Supply Department, New Delhi, of which 112 numbers have so far been received and the balance of 238 are awaited."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether road-rollers have been brought down from Australia? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of that question."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether road-rollers have been bought from foreign countries to Madras in parts and assembled in the Public Works Department Workshops? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Again I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether facilities are available in the Government Public Works Department Workshops, Madras, for the manufacture of road-rollers and their parts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I submit, Sir, that this question does not arise out of the present question."

*Extent of land newly brought under cultivation in the Cauveri-Mettur Project area.*

* 5 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land newly brought under cultivation in faslis 1354 and 1355, in the Cauveri-Mettur Project area in Tanjore district;

(*b*) the amount of subsidy paid in each of those two faslis;

(*c*) the extent of land, for which subsidy has been paid in faslis 1354 and 1355, that has been cultivated in fasli 1356;

(*d*) the amount of water charge realized by the Government in 1356 from these lands, and the extent assessed for water charge;

(*e*) the quantity of paddy procured in that area before 1354 fasli and in faslis 1354, 1355 and 1356; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that a large extent, for which subsidy has been paid, has not been cultivated in 1356 and whether the Government will enquire into the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) to (*f*) The answer[a] is laid on the table of the house."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" In view of the answer to clause (*f*) (2) may I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of re-introducing the special staff which has been wound up for persuading the cultivators? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest that a separate question might be put."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" Regarding leases mentioned in the answer to clause (*f*) (3) will Government consider the desirability of guaranteeing renewal for some further period or of introducing a more stable tenure? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a question relating to revenue and I would like to have notice."

*Number of evictions of tenants in the City since October* 1946.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of evictions of tenants ordered by the Rent Controllers in Madras City since October 1946 (monthwar);

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 111–112 infra.